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Spain Will Not Tolerate Interference in Cuba.

DONS WOULD PROVOKE WAR.

Make Insolent Proposition to Settle the Maine Affair.

DIPLOMACY COMES TO AN END.

Negotiations Closed and Time for Action at Hand.

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Washington correspondence: It seems apparent that the administration has been lenient in its dealings with Spain. President McKinley sought to bring Spain and Cuba to some amicable arrangement which would satisfy both, and not be too humiliating to the Spanish government, but Sagasta temporized and delayed until at last the President had to lay down the definite proposition that the independence of Cuba was the only satisfactory solution to the American people and the United States Congress. Sagasta sought for further delay, but when he could not secure that, his ministry sent a reply which is an insult to the President.